



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY

B.A. Honours Part-III Examination, 2022

ENGLISH

PAPER: ENGA-VI

Time Allotted: 4 Hours

Full Marks: 100

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.
Candidates should answer in their own words and adhere to the word limit as practicable.*

GROUP-A

1. Answer any **four** questions from the following: 5×4 = 20
- (a) How would you define a well-made play? Answer with reference to any one playwright.
- (b) Comment on the contribution of Bertolt Brecht to Modern Theatre.
- (c) Discuss the characteristic features of the “Theatre of Cruelty”.
- (d) Briefly comment on the revival of poetic drama in the 20th century.
- (e) Discuss the contribution of the “Angry Young Men” to English drama.
- (f) Write a note on the contribution of Edward Bond *or* Eugene Ionesco in the field of drama.

GROUP-B

2. Answer any **three** from the following questions in about 500 words each, taking one from each play: 15×3 = 45
- (a) How does Shaw expose the hypocrisy of the Salvation Army in *Major Barbara*?
- OR**
- (b) Would you consider *Major Barbara* a drama of Ideas?
- (c) How does Synge blend the natural with supernatural in *Riders to the Sea*?
- OR**
- (d) In *Riders to the Sea*, the sea almost assumes the dimension of a character of flesh and blood. — Discuss.
- (e) How does Pinter create the atmosphere of menace and violence in *The Birthday Party*? Discuss with close reference to the text.
- OR**
- (f) Assess the intricacies of the character of Stanley in *The Birthday Party*.

GROUP-C

3. Locate and annotate any **three** of the following in about 200 words each: 5×3 = 15
- (a) “Like all young men, you greatly exaggerate the difference between one young woman and another”.
- OR**
- (b) “To give arms to all men who offer an honest price for them, without respect of persons or principles...”.

- (c) “ ‘Herself does be saying prayers half through the night, and the Almighty God won’t leave her destitute’, says he, ‘with no son living’.”

OR

- (d) “Isn’t it a hard and cruel man won’t hear a word from an old woman, and she holding him from the sea?”

- (e) “Oh Stan, that’s a lovely room. I’ve had some lovely afternoons in that room.”

OR

- (f) “Let’s finish and go. Let’s get it over and go. Get the thing done. Let’s finish the bloody thing. Let’s get the thing done and go”.

GROUP-D

4. Write the substance and critical appreciation of any *one* from the following: 10+10

- (a) The sea, flattened down in the heavier gusts, would uprise and overwhelm both ends of the Nan-Shan in snowy rushes of foam, expanding wide, beyond both rails, into the night. And on this dazzling sheet, spread under the blackness of the clouds and emitting a bluish glow, Captain Mac Whirr could catch a desolate glimpse of a few tiny specks black as ebony, the tops of the hatches, the battened companions, the heads of the covered winches, the foot of a mast. This was all he could see of his ship. Her middle structure, covered by the bridge which bore him, his mate, the closed wheelhouse where a man was steering shut up with the fear of being swept overboard together with the whole thing in one great crash—her middle structure was like a half-tide rock awash upon a coast. It was like an outlying rock with the water boiling up, streaming over, pouring off, beating round—like a rock in the surf to which shipwrecked people cling before they let go—only it rose, it sank, it rolled continuously, without respite and rest, like a rock that should have miraculously struck adrift from a coast and gone wallowing upon the sea. The Nan-Shan was being looted by the storm with a senseless, destructive fury: trysails torn out of the extra gaskets, double-lashed awnings blown away, bridge swept clean, weather-cloths burst, rails twisted, light-screens smashed—and two of the boats had gone already. They had gone unheard and unseen, melting, as it were, in the shock and smother of the wave.

- (b) Success is counted sweetest
By those who ne’er succeed.
To comprehend a nectar
Requires sorest need.

Not one of all the purple Host
Who took the Flag today
Can tell the definition
So clear of Victory

As he defeated – dying –
On whose forbidden ear
The distant strains of triumph
Burst agonized and clear!

N.B. : *Students have to complete submission of their Answer Scripts through E-mail / Whatsapp to their own respective colleges on the same day / date of examination within 1 hour after end of exam. University / College authorities will not be held responsible for wrong submission (at in proper address). Students are strongly advised not to submit multiple copies of the same answer script.*

—x—